



WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1972

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G. E. THOMAS, M.B., B.S., M.F.C.M., D.P.H., D.R.C.O.G.

Port Medical Officer

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Port Medical Officer of Health:

E. J. Gordon Wallace, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
(retired 8.1.72)
G. E. Thomas, M.B., B.S., M.F.C.M., D.P.H.
D.R.C.O.G.
(from 1.4.72)

Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health:

K. J. Kimmance, M.B., B.S. (London)
D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.
(resigned 29.2.72)
D. C. Pinder, M.B., B.Chir., D.P.H.
(from 1.8.72)

Clerk:

E. J. Jones, LL.B.

Treasurer:

J. C. M. Savage, F.C.A., F.I.M.T.A.

Senior Port Health Inspector:

H. Handscomb

Port Health Inspectors:

R. G. S. Newbould (retired 26.5.72)
A. L. Harris
D. A. Dolphin
A. J. Heslop (from 1.4.72)

W E Y M O U T H P O R T H E A L T H A U T H O R I T Y

Health Centre,
Westham Road,
Weymouth.

January, 1973

To the Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port Health Authority

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Regulation 12(4) of the Public Health Officers (Port Health Districts) Regulations, 1959, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1972.

This Report is submitted in the manner specified in Form Port 20 which accompanied Ministry of Health Circular A/A125/1B dated 6th December 1971. This indicated that a full report was to be made in 1971 and thereafter quinquennially while for the intermediate years only changes which occurred during the year should be referred to in Sections I, V, VI, VIII, XIV, XV & XVI - all marked with an asterisk. This report is therefore an abridged one.

As will be seen from Section I, there were a number of staff changes during the year. Dr. E. J. Gordon Wallace, Port Medical Officer to the Authority since 1948 retired on the 8th January 1972 and his deputy, Dr. K. J. Kimmance, resigned as from the 28th February 1972. I took up my appointment of Port Medical Officer on the 1st April 1972 and Dr. D. C. Pinder was appointed Deputy Port Medical Officer and commenced his duties on the 1st August 1972. Mr. R. G. S. Newbould, a Port Health Inspector with the Authority since April 1969 retired on the 26th May 1972 and was replaced by Mr. A. J. Heslop who commenced duty on the 1st April 1972.

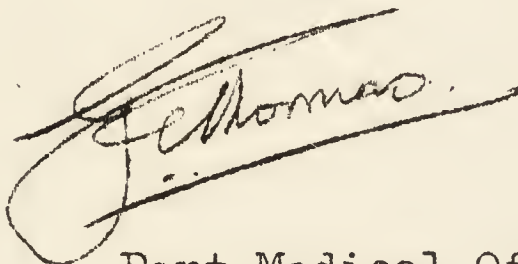
The subject of pollution, both in the harbour and in the sea generally, has received a good deal of attention during the year. It is evident that as a matter of common practice a good deal of refuse is deposited overboard from craft of all sizes. The effects, although not necessarily serious, have become increasingly obvious in recent years; more and more small containers are made of plastic materials, which are not destroyed by the sea's action and which, owing to their lightness, can be carried great distances by the wind and tide. The problem has been recognised by the Shipping Division of British Rail and by the Authorities of H.M. Naval Base, Portland, who are the two largest bodies affected locally. They have both introduced codes of practice which have resulted in all refuse being brought ashore and taken to a recognised tipping place. In my opinion this exemplary action has materially improved the situation. In September 1972 at the instigation of this Authority, the subject of the disposal of refuse at sea was considered by the Committee of the Association of Sea and Air Port Health Authorities. The Association in its turn raised the matter with the Department of Trade and Industry. The Department in reply said that although there were at present no regulations governing this an International Conference in 1973 was due to consider the problem and it was hoped that effective legislation would result. We shall continue to take any action possible to improve the situation in this area.

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Since taking up this appointment I have been greatly assisted by the courtesy and consideration which I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Authority. My thanks are also due to the Clerk and Treasurer for their co-operation and to Mr. H. Handscomb, Senior Port Health Inspector, Messrs. A. L. Harris, D. A. Dolphin and A. J. Heslop, Port Health Inspectors, for the efficient way in which they have performed their duties. I would like also to record my gratitude to Mr. A. L. Pepper, Divisional Marine Manager of British Railways, and his staff; Captain H. E. Holden, D.S.C., Harbourmaster; to the Officers of H.M. Customs, Waterguard and Excise; to the Store and Transport Officer (Naval) and his staff and to the local Shipping Agents and their staffs for their ready response to any suggestions or proposals and for the assistance which they have given throughout the year.

I have the honour to be
Your Obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Thomas', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Port Medical Officer

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SECTION I - STAFF*TABLE ACHANGES

Name of Officer	Appointment Held	Date of Appointment	Qualifications and Other Appointments Held
Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace	Port Medical Officer of Health	1.1.48 Retired 8.1.72	
Dr. G.E. Thomas	Port Medical Officer of Health	1.4.72	M.B., B.S., M.F.C.M., D.P.H., D.R.C.O.G.; M.O.H. Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis; M.O.H. Portland U.D.C.; S. Dorset Area Medical Officer, D.C.C.; Consultant Physician i/c West Haven Infectious Diseases Hospital
Dr. K.J. Kimmance	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1.10.70 Resigned 28.2.72	
Dr. D.C. Pinder	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1.8.72	M.B., B.Chir., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis; Senior Assistant County Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I - STAFF* (cont'd)

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Appointment Held	Date of Appointment	Qualifications and Other Appointments Held
R. G. S. Newbould	Port Health Inspector	1.4.69 Retired 26.5.72	
A. J. Heslop	Port Health Inspector	1.4.72	Certificate as Public Health Inspector; Meat and Other Food Inspector; Smoke Inspector; District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health:

Office - Health Centre, Westham Road, Weymouth - Weymouth 5645/6/7
- Telegraphic Address "Portelth", Weymouth.
Home - The Cottage, 43 Spa Road, Weymouth - Weymouth 3330

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number		Tonnage		Number Inspected				Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Diseases on board
	Wey-mouth	Port-land	Wey-mouth	Port-land	By the Med. Officer of Health		By the P.H. Inspector		
					Wey-mouth	Port-land	Wey-mouth	Port-land	
Foreign Ports	14	49	5,175	91,140	1	16	13	34	Nil
Coast- * wise	507	77	662,941	247,421	-	-	29	10	Nil
	521	126	668,116	338,561	1	16	42	44	Nil
Total	647		1,006,677		17		86		Nil

* Coastwise Arrivals

Includes British Rail ships engaged in the regular sailings to and from the Channel Islands and ships from the Solent landing gravel. Does not include sailing yachts and similar craft.

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic Number of Passengers INWARDS 222,087
 Number of Passengers OUTWARDS 223,613

Cargo Traffic Principal IMPORTS - Tomatoes, Fertilizers, Fish, Flowers, Fruit, Grape Juice, Phosphate, Potash, Timber and Vegetables

Principal EXPORTS - Sand and Stores

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrived

Channel Islands, Gdansk, Antwerp, Baltic ports, Rotterdam, Sfax, Lipari, Ashdod and Kalamata.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

NIL

SECTION V* - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

Water tanks on five ships were inspected subsequent to repair and cleansing.

SECTION VI* - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1970

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox Cases are sent from the District

Weyhill Hospital, Andover, Hants.
Tel. No. Weyhill 2214

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service from
The Weymouth Ambulance Depot, Tel. No. Weymouth 2661

(Dorset County Control - Dorchester 4741)

Each Ambulance Driver/Attendant at this Depot is re-vaccinated every year. The vaccinal state of the Weymouth Corporation disinfectors staff is also maintained by annual re-vaccination.

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available

Dr. E. J. Gordon Wallace	-	Weymouth
Dr. A. F. Turner	-	Weymouth
Dr. C. Hollins	-	Dorchester

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox

Suspected material is sent to:

Dr. A. D. MacRae,
Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale Avenue, London N.W.9

Tel. No. Colindale 6041

SECTION VIII* - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during Year		Number of Ships Concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases occurring on ships from foreign ports disposed of before arrival	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

NIL

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

NIL

SECTION XII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. The Port Health Inspectors carried out a detailed inspection for rodents in 47 ships arriving from foreign ports.
2. Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examinations of rodents to be carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Dorchester. No such examinations were carried out during 1972.
3. Small infestations are dealt with by trapping and baiting. Large scale infestations would be dealt with by specialist fumigation firms from Southampton or London.
4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships. The rat-proofing of almost all ships inspected during the year was found to be to a good standard.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

CATEGORY				NUMBER
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for Ships from Foreign Ports

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's Issued	Total Certificates Issued
After fumigation with H.C.N.	Other Fumigant (State method)	After trap-ping	After Poison-ing	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6	6

In addition to the ships from foreign ports mentioned under TABLE F above, Deratting Exemption Certificates were also issued to 14 coastwise vessels.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspection and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections		NOTICES SERVED		Result of Serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
British	34	Nil	Nil	
Foreign	52	Nil	2	Abated
Total	86	Nil	2	

SECTION XIV* - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948

NO CHANGE

SECTION XV* - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

NO CHANGE

SECTION XVI* - MISCELLANEOUS

NO CHANGE

ARRIVALS 1972 - NATIONALITIES

				<u>WEYMOUTH</u>	<u>PORTLAND</u>
British	504	86
Dutch	2	18
German	6	10
French	2	1
Belgian	1	-
Irish	-	1
Norwegian	1	-
Danish	1	1
Italian	1	-
Greek	2	-
Cypriot	-	5
Liberian	1	4
				<u>521</u>	<u>126</u>

Inspections and visits by Port Health Inspectors

Total number of vessels inspected	86
Re-inspection after giving notices	4
Visits re food cargoes	55
Visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships)				
Regulations, 1970	47
Miscellaneous Inspections and Visits (Harbour, H.M.				
Customs, British Railways, Shipping Agents, etc.)			...	437
				<u>629</u>

FOOD INSPECTION

Total amount of food landed in the port during the year:-

Tomatoes	3,193,305	packages
Vegetables	48	"
Fruit	880	"
Fish	133	"
Potatoes	700	"
Lettuce	257	"
Peppers	670	"
Grape Juice	2,956	tons

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were destroyed:-

						<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>
Tomatoes	2	5	3	24

